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1. FONMIN CARVAJAL TOLD AMBASSADOR FEB 12 GOC CONSIDERS THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA WERE FULLY REESTABLISHED WITH SIGNING OF ACT OF CHARANA, EVEN THOUGH AMBASSADORS ARE NOT YET EXCHANGED. GOC WANTS THIS EXCHANGE TO TAKE PLACE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE; AS ONE OPTION CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN BY BOTH GOVTS TO UPGRADING TO AMBASSADOR LEVEL OF PRESENT CONSULS GENERAL IN LA PAZ AND SANTIAGO AS QUICKEST AND SIMPLEST SOLUTION.

2. CARVAJAL DOES NOT TAKE TOO SERIOUSLY CRITICISMS AND CONCERNs BEING EXPRESSED IN BOLIVIAN PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION OVER BOLIVIA'S APPARENT FAILURE TO RECEIVE ANY RECOMPENSE FOR RENEWAL OF RELATIONS. HE EXPECTS THAT BOLIVIAN PRESS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PEOPLE WILL SETTLE DOWN AND LOOK TO MEASURED EVOLUTION OF

RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

3. AS INDICATIVE OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH BOLIVIA, CARVAJAL CITED IMPROVEMENT OF BOLIVIAN SECTION OF ROAD WHICH UNITES ARICA IN CHILE WITH SANTOS IN BRAZIL. HE SAID CHILEAN AND BRAZILIAN SECTIONS ARE IN SATISFACTORY SHAPE, BUT BOLIVIA NEEDS HELP TO IMPROVE ITS PART, FOR ITS OWN AS WELL AS CHILEAN AND BRAZILIAN INTERESTS. HE EXPECTS BOLIVIA MIGHT APPLY TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR ASSISTANCE. HE DID NOT RPT NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION THAT EITHER CHILE OR BRAZIL HAD OFFERED OR MIGHT OFFER HELP. IMPROVEMENT OF ARICA-LA PAZ RAILROAD IS SIMILAR MATTER OF MUTUAL INTEREST, HE SAID. POPPER

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